

## **FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** November 14, 2013

**Agenda Item:** State Wildlife Action Plan revision update

**Division:** Director's Office

**Action Needed:** None--information only

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 20 minutes

### **Background**

To qualify for State Wildlife Grant funding—federal dollars used primarily for conservation and management of non-game species—each state was required to develop a State Wildlife Action Plan by 2005 and agree to update the plan at least every 10 years. FWP is in the final phase of Montana's first revision and will soon release a draft for public review.

FWP will provide Commission with a brief summary of activities. No action is needed.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

The public has been kept updated on the process through newsletters, press releases, and the FWP website. Newsletters, for instance, were sent to more than 450 organizations and individuals, but it is nonetheless difficult to discern exactly how many Montanans have been reached. FWP will release a draft of the updated plan for public review and will take comments for a 30-day period.

**Alternatives and Analysis:** NA

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:** NA

**Proposed Motion:** NA